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Attached is Form PTO-1050 (Certificate of Correction) at least one copy of which is suitable for printing. The errors together with the exact page and line number where the errors are shown correctly in the application file are as follows:

**CLAIMS:**

1. In line 1 of claim 4 (column 13, line 21) change "reeked" to --recited--. This appears correctly in Amendment B as filed on September 19, 2005, on page 4, paragraph 4, line 1, as claim 20.

2. In line 2 of claim 17 (column 14, line 11) change "arc formed" to --are formed--. This appears correctly in Amendment B as filed on September 19, 2005, on page 4, paragraph 8, line 2, as claim 27.

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3. In line 1 of claim 19 (column 14, line 16) change "rectal" to --recited--. This appears correctly in Amendment B as filed on September 19, 2005, on page 2, paragraph 8, line 1, as claim 8.

4. In line 3 of claim 22 (column 14, line 31) change "wafts" to --walls--. This appears correctly in Amendment B as filed on September 19, 2005, on page 5, paragraph 1, line 1, as claim 29.

Patentee hereby requests expedited issuance of the Certificate of Correction because the error lies with the Office and because the error is clearly disclosed in the records of the Office. As required for expedited issuance, enclosed is documentation that unequivocally supports the patentee's assertion without needing reference to the patent file wrapper.

It is noted that the above-identified errors were printing errors that apparently occurred during the printing process. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Request for Certificate of Correction. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. APL1P260).

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### Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) The staircase as recited in claim 21 wherein the horizontal glass member includes a plurality of glass sheets, one of the glass sheets having a first cut out at a first end of the horizontal glass member and a second cut out at a second end of the horizontal glass member , and wherein the second connection member includes a first insert disposed in the first cut out of the one glass sheet and a second insert disposed in the second cut out of the one glass sheet, the inserts being exposed at the ends of the horizontal glass member, the inserts providing a means for coupling the second interlocking portions to the horizontal glass member and wherein

a bonding layer is disposed between adjacent pairs of glass sheets, the bonding layer being configured to bond the glass sheets and the inserts together to form a laminated structure and to provide rigidity and stiffness to the laminated structure.

2. (Previously Presented) The staircase as recited in claim 1 wherein the glass sheets are annealed glass sheets.

3. (Previously Presented) The staircase as recited in claim 1 wherein the bonding layer is a polymer.

4. (Previously Presented) The staircase as recited in claim 1 wherein the bonding layer is Sentry Plus Ionplast Interlayer.

5. (Previously Presented) The staircase as recited in claim 1 wherein the glass sheets have a low concentration of iron.

6. (Previously Presented) The staircase as recited in claim 1 wherein the connector is formed from titanium.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The staircase as recited in claim 17 wherein the horizontal glass tread member is only supported at the first and second ends thereof by the first and second connection members.

a plurality of connection arrangements for fixing the opposing ends of the horizontal glass treads to the spaced apart vertical walls, each of the connection arrangements including a first connection member that is adapted to be fixed to the vertical wall and a second connection member adapted to be fixed to the end of the glass horizontal tread, the first connection member having a first interlocking portion, the second connection member having a second interlocking portion, the first and second interlocking portions being configured to engage one another so as to place the horizontal glass tread in a secure relationship relative to the vertical walls.

18. (Original) The staircase as recited in claim 17 wherein the vertical walls are formed from glass.

19. (Original) The staircase as recited in claim 18 wherein the vertical walls and horizontal glass treads are laminated glass structures.

20. (Original) The staircase as recited in claim 19 wherein the vertical walls are formed from a first laminated glass structure and wherein the horizontal glass tread is formed from a second laminated glass structure that is different than the first laminated glass structure.

21. (Original) The staircase as recited in claim 17 wherein the horizontal glass tread is a laminated glass structure, wherein the second connection member includes an insert that is disposed within the laminated glass structure at each of its opposing ends, and wherein the second interlocking portion is coupled to the insert.

22. (Currently Amended) The staircase as recited in claim 17 wherein the interlocking portions are configured to disengage from one another ~~so as to~~ so as to place the horizontal glass tread in a removable relationship relative to the vertical walls.

23-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the inserts are formed from titanium.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the first and second interlocking portions are formed from stainless steel.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A glass staircase, comprising:

a support structure composed of spaced apart parallel walls, each of the spaced apart parallel walls including a plurality of side by side upwardly rising panels formed from glass and connected together; and

a plurality of upwardly rising stepped stairs, each stair only including a horizontal tread formed from glass, each horizontal tread partially overlapping a portion of a preceding horizontal tread such that there is a vertical open space between each consecutive stair, a first end of the horizontal treads being connected to a first wall of the spaced apart parallel walls, a second end of the horizontal treads being connected to a second wall of the spaced apart parallel walls, the horizontal treads only being supported at the first and second ends by the first and second walls.

30. (New) The staircase as recited in claim 29 further including a glass landing disposed in the middle of the of the upwardly rising stepped stairs.

31. (New) The staircase as recited in claim 29 wherein the ends of the panels of each of the spaced apart parallel walls are connected together with one or more connectors.

32. (New) The staircase as recited in claim 29 wherein the first and second ends of the horizontal treads include a pair of first connectors, wherein the panels of the spaced apart parallel walls include a pair of second connectors cooperatively positioned relative with the first connectors, and wherein the first and second connectors interlock with one another to secure the horizontal treads to the panels of the of the spaced apart parallel walls.

33. (New) The staircase as recited in claim 32 wherein the second connectors are interposed within the horizontal tread such that the second connectors and the horizontal treads are an integral unit.

34. (New) The staircase as recited in claim 32 wherein first and second connectors when interlocked form a gap between the horizontal tread and the panel.

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